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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 11-331329, published November 30, 1999.
2. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 2000-188036, published July 4, 2000.
3. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 2001-135189, published May 18, 2001.
4. Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-216582, published August 2, 2002.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with an English abstract of each document.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant states that above references 1-4 are discussed within the specification beginning at page 2, line 5.

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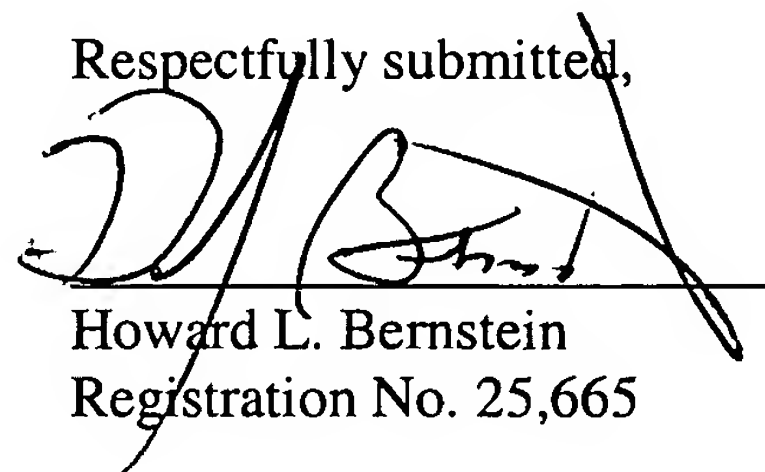
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